to the municipalities etc. for deve lopment of cities. Funds for urban development are providedTTn the state plans and the State Governments formulate appropriate projects I in accordance with their needs and priorities. In addition, Central loan assistance is,- provided to States for development of small and medium towns under the . Centrally Sponsored Scheme of IDSMT. Grants are also provided to States under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Urban Basic services which aims at improving the degree and quality of survival and developmsnt of children of urban low income families. World Bank assisted urban development projects are also in operation in a number of cities towns. Generally, these Centrally So sponsord sutureae and the World But project are plamented ted by the Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and other local bodies.

Report of foreign consultants on Namrup, Barauni and Durgapu Fertilizers Plants

2144. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Gov-ernment had appointed foreign con-sultants to carry out an end-to-end survey of Namrup, Barauni and Durgapur Fertilizer plants of H.F.C.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the consultants have since submitted their report *tp* HFC; and

(d) if so, the salient features of the said report . THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILI
ZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRI CULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU); (a) Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC), with the approval of Government, appointed M/s. Haldor Topsce to carry out an end-to-end survey of Namrup, Barauni and Dur gapur Fertilizer Plants.

(b) to (d) The consultants in their report, suggested revamping rehabili tation of the plants in three main stages with minimum loss of produc tion, at an estimated cost of Rs. 486.39 crores. After rehabilitation the plants are expected to achieve the rated capacity utilisation.

Hormonal infertility in milch cattle

2145. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there are millions of cases of hormonal in fertility in milch cattle in the coun try;

(fo) whether Prostaglandin F2 alpha is required for the treatment of the above animals; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry proposes to recommend to Govern ment for extending the customs duty exemption for import of raw material to the private sector with technical know-how to manufacture, finished products out of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. There are large number of cattle affected by infertility. The major causes of infertility in cattle are malnutrition, .infectious diseases, con-gential malformation and hormonal' imbalances.

(b) Prostaglandin F2 alpha is one among, many drugs useful in improve ment of fertility.

(c) The Government have not tak en any decision in this regard.